The Conditions of Lā ilāha illā Allāh

Knowledge

Understanding what the testimony affirms and negates, removing ignorance of its meaning. “So know that there is no god worthy of worship except Allāh.” [Muḥammad: 19].

Certainty

The heart must be fully convinced, free of doubt. Allāh describes the believers as those who “have not doubted.” [al-Ḥujurāt: 15].

Acceptance

Receiving Allāh’s commands with an open heart, without resistance or rejection.

Submission

Full surrender to all that the testimony entails, in action and obedience.

Truthfulness

The tongue must align with the heart, leaving no room for hypocrisy. “Allāh will surely make evident those who are truthful, and He will surely make evident the liars.” [al-ʿAnkabūt: 3].

Sincerity

The testimony must be free from shirk and ostentation, offered purely for Allāh alone. “And they were not commanded except to worship Allāh, sincere to Him in religion.” [al-Bayyinah: 5].

Love

Loving Allāh and loving those who uphold this testimony. “Those who believe are stronger in love for Allāh.” [al-Baqarah: 165].

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